

LOCAL LORE.

NEWS OF CORVALLIS AND VICINITY TOLD IN BRIEF.

The Comings and Goings of People
Social Gossip, Personal Men-
tion and Other Items of
Public Interest.

—Prof. J. B. Horner is rustica-
ting at Enterprise, Eastern Oregon.

—Miss Harriet Sheasgreen left
Saturday for a week at Newport.

—Prof. Coote returned Saturday
from a week spent in Portland and
British Columbia.

—Secretary Daly of the college
board was up Saturday from Port-
land on college business.

—What Benton lacks in yield of
wheat she will make up in quality
and quantity. The acreage is the
greatest in years.

—Gus Harding has threshed
vetch that went 22 bushels per
acre, and has another field that is
expected to yield 30 bushel.

—Rod. Nash passed through
town Sunday, enroute to the Stei-
wer farm in Marion county, for a
visit.

—It took six coaches to carry
Sunday's excursion to Newport.
All of them were well filled. Eight-
ty six persons went from Corvallis.

—Wheat is quoted at 70 cents at
the local mills. That is within
eight cents of the Portland price,
and as high as is paid at any point
in the Valley. It is Salem price.

—Misses Lucy and Emily Adams
who have been visiting relatives in
this city left Monday for Portland
to see the Fair. They will visit
the Yellowstone Park before return-
ing to their home in Massachu-
setts.

—W. H. Staats, well known in
Benton, but now a resident of Bend,
Eastern Oregon, passed through
Corvallis Saturday, enroute for
Newport for a month's sojourn. He
is accompanied by his family.

—Carpenter Wills at the college
is making extensive repairs to
Alpha Hall preparatory to the open-
ing of school. Renewal of some
of the woodwork, papering and
painting are among the
improvements. An expense of \$300
is to be incurred in the repairs.

—College opens for the fall term
Monday September 18. Entrance
examinations take place on Friday
and Saturday September 15 and
16th. It will only be about
four weeks until students will be
arriving. The prospects are bet-
tering for a large attendance.

—Wheat on Peter Rickard's
farm went 20 bushel, on Ed. Buch-
anan's the same, and the same at
Gus. Harding. Mr. Harding says
there were berries enough in the
heads to have made 30 bushel per
acre, but they are so shrunken and
small that they have apparently
lost one-third of their bulk. He
attributes this reduction to aphids.

—Eight or ten loads of wheat
per day are arriving at the local
mills. The grains are much
shrivelled, showing, the millers say,
both the effects of the hot Saturday
and the bugs. Apparently, but for
the shrinking, the general yield of
grain would have been fairly heavy.

—The early morning train via
the eastside out of Corvallis is be-
coming the popular route of travel.
Passenger traffic on it is constantly
growing, and is sufficient to war-
rant continuance of the present
morning and evening service.
Wednesday the train carried
out forty passengers with ticket
sales of about \$100.

—A misunderstanding exists
with reference to graveling streets.
The city now requires property
owners to pay for the work.
On several streets notice has been
given that such improvement is to
be made. Some property owners
have the idea that they cannot do
the graveling themselves, but that
the city intends to do it. That is
not, however, the purpose of this
city. Property owners may
themselves make the improvement.
If they do not do so, the city will.

—Fred Ewart, eldest son of Mr.
and Mrs. Charles Ewart has been
in town a day or two, looking over
the electrical plant at the OAC
with a view of entering college this
fall. He is a Corvallis-born boy.
He is a likely young man who has
been several years employed as an
electrician. He has noticed that
men in his line who have been
educated in the theory as well as
practical are rapidly forging to
the front, and he has determined
that it will pay him to stop now
and add to his practice that theory
which is the key to success. He
holds a good position now with an
electrical company in Portland.

MAY DAY FESTIVALS.

They Were Celebrated in the Time of
the Ancient Romans.

For ages May day has been a time of
general rejoicing. All over Christen-
dom its advent is hailed with delight.
The birds, the bees and the flowers
join us in an annual celebration of the
day. Nature has at last thrown off the
snow quilt with which she has braved
the ravages of winter and glows re-
splendent in buds and blossoms. The
streams have broken their icy fetters
and burst forth into joyous accompani-
ments to myriads of bird choristers.
And humanity, overpowered by the
same glad spirit, seeks the woods and
the fields to revel in the wealth of ver-
dure so lavishly spread out.

Among the Romans this feeling found
vent in their Floralia, or flora games,
which began on the 28th of April and
lasted several days. We read that
"nations taking more or less their ori-
gin from Rome have settled upon the
1st of May as the special time for
festes of the same kind. With ancients
and moderns alike it was an instinctive
rush into the fields to revel in the bloom
which was newly presented on the
meadows and the trees."

The barbarous Celtic populations held
a heathen festival on this day, but we
are not told that it was in any way
connected with flowers. It was called
Beltein and was celebrated by kindling
fires on the hilltops at night. Within
the remembrance of many the peasant-
ry of Ireland, the Isle of Man and of
the Scottish highlands also held simi-
lar celebrations.—Table Talk.

THE DIAMOND.

It Was Probably In Its Original State
a Vegetable Product.

Originally the diamond was probably
a vegetable product exuded from some
ancient tree. Positive evidence on the
subject is not forthcoming, but the con-
currence of such authorities as New-
ton, Brewster, Jameson and Lavoisier,
who trace it to a vegetable source,
must, in the absence of decisive nega-
tive proof, make this hypothesis prob-
able.

The crystalline form of the diamond
is undoubtedly due to the action of
heat, and the occurrence of these stones
in igneous rocks and mica slate, espe-
cially at the Cape, lends color to the
view that they have been metamor-
phosed, as has been the case with
graphite.

This complete change may have been
directly or indirectly due to the inter-
nal heat of the globe or may have re-
sulted from volcanic action. Indirect-
ly it would be accounted for by the im-
mense heat evolved in the crumbling,
fracturing and grinding together of the
earth's crust in the attempt to adjust
itself to the cooling and contracting in-
terior. Directly it may have been the
result of a change in the direction of
the internal heat, causing a fusion of
the rocks of the crust, the diamond and
other crystals being formed when they
again cooled.

The Name Niagara.

"Everybody pronounces Niagara
wrong," said a philologist. The accent
of this beautiful Indian word should
not be put on the syllable 'ag,' but
on the syllable 'ar'—the penult—the one
before the last. Niagara means 'hark
to the thunder.' Its accent should fall
on the penult because the Indians them-
selves accent it there, because in prac-
tically all our Indian names of places
the penult is the accented syllable.
Think of the Indian names you know.
Don't you accent nearly all of them on
the syllable before the last? There are,
for instance, Toronto, Mississippi, Alle-
gheny, Appalachicola, Narragansett,
Tascalooza, Saratoga, Ticonderoga, Os-
wego, Conshohocken, Wissahickon and
Hochelaga. In all these names the ac-
cent is on the penult. Niagara is a
Huron word, and if you can find a
Huron you will find that he accents it
as he does Saratoga or Tascalooza. I
don't know how we have fallen into
the habit of accenting it wrong.—Chi-
cago Chronicle.

A Good Recommendation.

An Irishman was charged with a pe-
tity offense.

"Have you any one in court who
will vouch for your good character?"
queried the judge.

"Yes, sorr; there is the chief con-
stable yonder," answered Pat.

The chief constable was amazed.

"Why, your honor, I don't even know
the man," protested he.

"Now, sorr," broke in Pat, "I have
lived in the borough for nearly twenty
years, and if the chief constable doesn't
know me yet, isn't that a character for
yez?"

A Sequence of Titles.

A German periodical states that a
very strange but none the less true
fact is that the predecessor of the late
Queen Victoria of England was at one
and the same time William I, II, III,
and IV. He was William I of Hano-
ver, William II of Ireland, William
III of Scotland and William IV. of
England.

Getting Serious.

"I guess Mr. Olden doesn't feel as
young as he did several months ago,"
remarked the observant man.

"Why do you think so?"

"He used to joke with that undertak-
er who lives near him, but he doesn't
do it any more."—Philadelphia Ledger.

A Sensitive Conscience.

Carrie—Goodness, it's that horrid old
bore, Wilkins. Tell him I have gone
out. Belle—No, I won't tell a story,
but I will say that you have not come
back yet.

Her Secrets.

"Never tell a secret, dear. It would
be a great breach of confidence."
"What must I do with it, mamma?"
"Well—bring it to me!"

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Hour to Another, but Cured by
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Diarrhoea Remedy.

Ruth, the little daughter of E. N. Dewey
of Agnewville, Va., was seriously ill of
cholera infantum last summer. "We gave
her up and did not expect her to live from
one hour to another," he says. "I happened
to think of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and
Diarrhoea Remedy and got a bottle of it
from the store. In five hours I saw a change
for the better. We kept on giving it and
before she had taken the half of one small
bottle she was well." This remedy is for sale
by Graham & Wortham.

REDUCED EXCURSION RATE

To the Seaside and Mountain Re-
sorts for the Summer Va-

On and after June 1st, the Southern
Pacific in connection with the Corvallis
& Eastern railroad will have on sale
round trip tickets from points on their
lines to Newport, Yaquina and Detroit
at very low rates, good for return until
October 10th, 1905.

Three day tickets to Newport and Ya-
quina good going Saturdays and return-
ing Mondays are also on sale from all
eastside points from Portland to Eugene,
inclusive, and from all westside points.
Season tickets from all eastside points
Portland to Eugene inclusive and from all
westside points are also on sale to Detroit at very low
rates with stopover privileges at Mill
City or any other point east enabling
tourists to visit the Santiam and Breiten
bush hot springs in the Cascade moun-
tains which all can be reached in a day.

Season tickets will be good for return
from all points October 10th. Three day
tickets will be good going Saturdays and
returning Mondays only. Tickets from
Portland and vicinity will be good for
return via the east or the west side at
option of passenger. Tickets from Eugene
and vicinity will be good going via
the Lebanon-Springfield branch, if de-
sired. Baggage on Newport tickets
checked through to Newport: on Ya-
quina to Yaquina only.

S. P. trains connect with the C. & E.
at Albany and Corvallis for Yaquina
and Newport. Trains on the C. & E.
for Detroit will leave Albany at 7:30 a.
m. enabling tourists to the hot springs
to reach there the same day. Train-
from and to Corvallis connect with all
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of Equalization for Benton county, state of Ore-
gon, will attend at the office of the county clerk,
of Benton county, Oregon, in the county court-
house, in Corvallis, said county and state, on
Monday, August 28th, 1905, the same being the
last Monday in said month and the time fixed by
law for the meeting of said board and continue
in session one week, at which time they will
publicly examine the assessment rolls of said
Benton county, Oregon, for the year 1905, and
correct all errors in valuation, description or
qualities of lands, lots, or other property. All
persons interested are required to appear at the
place and time above appointed.
F. H. DAVIS,
Assessor of Benton County, State of Oregon.
Dated this 1st day of August, 1905.